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Betty Haynes, one of the most versatile instructors at the center, showed pieces of wire sculpture on registration day, along with jeweled eggs, needlework, and the decoupage she is best known for. She'll teach a few workshops this season, along with full courses.



Grace Gremel (at left), one of the many volunteers who are on call to aid the center where necessary, takes registration from Barbara Orchard. Ms. Orchard came to sign up for needlepoint classes, plus two others.



Setsuko Gier offers two classes this season, stemming from her native country. Persons can learn how to reproduce the Japanese doll, encased at left, or the three dimensional Japanese picture. The picture, made of fabric, and the Azuma doll in traditional costume, can

both be created by one who has had only basic sewing experience, she said. She provides the materials, and along the way, participants will get a lesson in Japanese culture.



Aspiring photographer Joe Damian talks to Cynthia Abatt about her Tuesday night classes. In addition to a full course for novices this season, Ms. Abatt offers

It is sign-up time in Community Center

Some favorite classes, along with a host of new offerings, are back on the winter agenda at the Farmington Community Center.

Sign-up time began late last week when early birds turned out to visit with instructors and see their displays of arts and crafts.

The array of arts and crafts offerings remains the most popular of classes for the do-it-yourselfers who turned out late last week in numbers, many registering for several courses or workshops.

Sewing classes given by Irene McKinnon; pillow-making by Peggy Freeman; china painting taught by Dolores Moorhead; decoupage by Betty Haynes; and painting and drawing taught by several artists for both children and adults are examples of classes filled long before sessions got under way.

New on that list this season is an art

exploration class for children, to be taught by Linda Burke, and how to make a Japanese doll by Setsuko Gier.

Barbara Carney brings a class to show how to personalize your own T-shirt, and Bonnie Breidenbach will show how to cook with natural foods.

Other new classes of note are Financial Planning for Women, taught by Nancy Thomason of Mutual of New York Insurance Co., and The Home Buyers Survival Seminar.

That class zeroes in on the housing

market for both buyers and sellers, covers residential construction and insurance.

All told, there are more than 100 offerings, running from acting workshops and play production, to weaving and yoga.

Registrations continue on a first come, first served basis until all classes are filled. Most classes begin the last week in January.

Persons may register by calling the center at 477-8404.

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Kitty Beauregard accompanied her mother on registration day, and stopped to admire the stained glass sun-catchers made by Carol

Rowe. Students have the option of taking afternoon or evening classes in an introduction to the art.



Mary Lou Masters wears a corsage, a gift from Farmington Community Center staff on opening day of registration, while she looks at some of the needlework and crewel students will be emulating this season. The gift was sent with best wishes on her first public official event as the center's new executive director.